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10,000 HOSPITAL BEQUEST IS LOST

WILL OF MR. TORRANCE PROCEEDING FOR HOSPITAL FUND DECLARED INVALID

The legal phase of the will of late Jared S. Torrance has been set into prior to probate and the laws were found to read that bequests of a charitable nature are void unless the will was drawn thirty days before death. Mr. Torrance had made his will at three weeks before his death, thus the eight days of time will in a probability prevent the Hospital Association from receiving what Mr. Torrance desired so much for his city to have—a first-class hospital.

When seen by a representative of the "Enterprise," Dr. J. S. Lancaster, president of the Torrance Hospital Association, had this to say:

"I am mighty sorry to tell you that Mr. Torrance's will was drawn up only three weeks before he died, and that under the laws of this state bequests of a charitable nature are invalid if the will was drawn less than thirty days before death. Thus eight days of time may prevent our receiving what Mr. Torrance wanted very much for us to have. The executors of the estate must, of course, obey the law.

"It is thought best to inform the people of the true state of affairs right away. Everything may eventually turn out all right, but as far as the law is concerned we are sorry."

Of course, the trust that Mr. Torrance established several months ago is operative, and has nothing to do with his will. That gives us \$700.00 per month to use in maintaining a hospital, and runs for over ninety years, but none of that money can be used for building purposes.

TORRANCE SCHOOL NOTES

The noise of the hammer and chisel is heard in the land about the Torrance High and Grammar School buildings, and all the inhabitants thereof are glad, for such sounds betoken the coming of new buildings, for which all have been longing.

The domestic science home economics building has been moved back and away from the main building, making impossible for the time being the holding of classes there.

The rear doors of the main building are no longer in use, and all students must use the front door only until new entrances can be constructed at the ends of the present building.

Ground has been broken for the foundation of the new building, and a force of workmen is hard at work. Torrance is to be congratulated on being one of the very first school in the Los Angeles school district to get its building plans under way, which is due to Mr. Barnett's persistent and determined effort.

On Monday of this week we were visited by two members of the Board of Education, Mr. Melville Dozier and Mrs. Bessie D. Stoddart, who looked over our building situation.

Most of the High School students have been dividing their interest between Chautauqua and school since last Thursday, the Chautauqua getting perhaps the lion's share. The teachers all realize, though, that not all valuable lessons are confined in books, so are looking leniently upon some poorly prepared lessons.

The Torrance schools went over the top on the ticket sales this year, selling more than double the number sold last year. The total amount turned in by Mr. Barnett was \$182.

TORRANCE MERCHANTS DEFEAT GENE MURPHY

The Torrance Merchants played a very fast and interesting game of baseball last Sunday, when they journeyed to 12th and San Pedro streets, Los Angeles, and defeated the fast Gene Murphy team by the lop-sided score of 10 to 5.

Our Merchants are playing a brand of ball that puts them away out of the class of the teams who have opposed them, and we are hoping to see some real fast team tangle with them. That hard-hitting bunch from Universal City would undoubtedly find their match in our Merchants now. Every one of the boys seem to have gotten into his stride, both in fielding and hitting.

In Sunday's game doubles and triples were common, while almost every one smashed the old apple out for a single. Billy Widener hit like a house afire, as did Riggs Lowry, Bonett and the rest, even our pitcher, Barnett, clouting one for a triple. There is no denying the fact that Torrance has a real baseball team, and every one wishes it the best of success.

ATTEND HARDWARE CONVENTION

Torrance was well represented at the Hardware Dealers' Convention in Santa Ana Wednesday, when Mr. and Mrs. Hurum F. Stever, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Weston, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McDonald, all of the Torrance Hardware Company, attended the meeting in the afternoon and later in the evening were guests at the banquet. Prominent speakers from the association delivered interesting addresses concerning conditions both locally and over the state in the retail hardware business.

TWO MOTHERS ENTERTAINED

A dinner party for two, Mrs. Ella Sherman of Los Angeles, mother of Mrs. Roy Flood of Park Terrace, and Mrs. A. L. Flood, mother of Roy Flood of South Gramercy, was celebrated in the home of their daughter and son last Wednesday, when Mrs. Kenneth Robbins of Portola avenue was also a guest. The affair was in commemoration of the two mother's birthday anniversaries, both of which came within a few days of each other. This was the first time in eleven years since they had dined together, the last celebration of this sort being held while living in the East.

SHARK FISHING

Indoor sports had nothing on the outdoor sports last Sunday when a crowd of Torrance people left for Long Beach and rented a fishing launch for the day. The boat was steered to deep water, where fishing lines were cast in schools of fishes, with only a nibble now and then. However, a six-foot shark was hooked and was landed with much hilarity and excitement. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tryon, Mrs. Hazel Burton of Torrance, Mr. and Mrs. Tryon, Ralph Rice and Billie Morrison of Los Angeles.

DEMONSTRATOR HERE

The Ocean View Garage of Redondo Beach, distributors for the Maxwell, Chandler, Cleveland and Hudson cars, have arranged to send their salesman, Mr. W. K. Fleisch, to Lomita and Torrance for two days a week to show their line of cars. Today the Maxwell will be demonstrated in Torrance.

R. O. DENISON COMING HOME

R. O. Denison, who for the past two years has been in the Philippine Islands, will arrive in Torrance next Sunday. Mrs. Denison has rented Apartment No. 9, Park Terrace, where they will reside.

TORRANCE C. E. SOCIAL

The Christian Endeavor of the Baptist church of Torrance will give a social in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Turner, corner of 220th and Andros, tonight, Friday, April 22.

Torrance Votes 355 to 11 for Incorporation

For Incorporation

YES	355
NO	11
TRUSTEES	
Gilbert, W. H.	285
Fitzhugh, J.	251
Proctor, Geo. A.	239
Smith, R. R.	215
Stone, Joe	213
Klusman, W. T.	126
Izenstein, J.	110
McManus, H.	94
Northrup, C. W.	82
CITY CLERK	
Deininger, R. J.	314
CITY TREASURER	
Dolley, Harry H.	322

Torrance became a city of the Sixth Class last Tuesday, when by a record majority of votes cast, incorporation of the city was practically made unanimous. In favor of incorporation were 355 votes; opposed only 11.

The election also included the selection of five trustees, and those who will launch the political ship for this thriving industrial center and man the helm for the first term are given below according to the highest number of votes received.

W. H. Gilbert, J. M. Fitzhugh, Geo. A. Proctor, R. R. Smith, and Joe Stone.

R. J. Deininger was elected City Clerk, and Harry H. Dolley was elected City Treasurer.

Harry Dolley, candidate for City Treasurer, received the highest number of votes on the ticket, W. H. Gilbert carrying away the honors for Trustee, receiving thirty-four more than his nearest competitor.

There were nine candidates for trustees, and while some were disappointed, at the outcome of the election, those who were not elected will get behind the board and do all they can to aid and assist in forming a prosperous and harmonious administration for the incumbents, to be.

Mr. Gilbert is associated with the Pacific Electric Railway and is the resident housing commissioner for his company. J. M. Fitzhugh is from the Llewellyn Iron Works, and is popular. Geo. A. Proctor, R. R. Smith and Joe Stone are three "old-timers" from the Union Tool Company, and each enjoys splendid record as boosters and constructive builders for the better things for Torrance.

Oath of Office

The Board of Supervisors are required to meet next Monday and proceed to canvass the votes cast at the election. If a majority of the votes are for incorporation, the Board will enter an order on their minutes declaring the particular territory duly incorporated as a municipal corporation of the Sixth Class and will also declare the names of those persons elected to the various offices. A certified copy of this order must be sent to the Secretary of State at Sacramento and after it has been actually filed in his office, the city is deemed incorporated, and the trustees may then take the oaths of office and start the machinery of government by choosing anyone of their own number as chairman and start conducting the business affairs of the city.

NEW BUILDING PROGRESSES

The new Burkhardt building has begun to take form. Frank Sammons, Torrance contractor and builder, having completed the foundation work. Bids are out for the brick work for the new structure, while the carpenter work will be done by the day. There are to be six large stores on the ground floor, five 20x30 and one 40x30. The demand for store rooms is very keen at this time, and there are eight applications on file with C. A. Paxman for the six rooms. The second story will contain fourteen modern apartments, which will also offer accommodation for many applicants for living quarters.

ATTEND PICNIC

A number of Torrance residents attended the Pennsylvania picnic in Sycamore Grove, Los Angeles, Saturday, and there met former acquaintances from the Keystone State. Those who attended were Mr. and Mrs. H. Peoples and sister, Mrs. Hooker of San Francisco, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. King and father, Mr. Mrs. A. McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. Vern L. Zuver, Mrs. Nellie Zuver, Mr. and Mrs. Alego and son, Floyd, of Long Beach, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell.

EMPLOYED AS RELIEF CLERK

Vern Whistler, a former hardware clerk for Hurum E. Reeve, was in charge of the Torrance Hardware Company Wednesday afternoon during the absence of the foreman who attended the Retailers' Hardware Convention in Santa Ana.

HART SCHAFFNER MARX SUITS AT RAPPOPORT'S

One of the most important announcements ever made in high-class merchandizing is given to the readers of the local papers this week, when Sam Rappaport—merchandise for women, misses, men's, boys' and children, informs the public that he has just been awarded the exclusive agency for Hart Schaffner & Marx men's and boys' suits. Another important announcement in connection with the above is that boys' suits come with two pairs of trousers, which with buying a suit of the famous brand of clothes parents are practically buying two suits for the price of one.

A large and handsome plate glass cabinet was purchased at great expense to show the new line of goods. Mr. Rappaport has placed the show case in the center of his store where it commands a striking view to those who patronize his store. The cabinet is so designed that the side windows slide diametrically and out of sight, when the interior rack is then swung around, and may be pulled outside the case, showing the different suits of 126 at one time, and may be closely inspected under natural light. Mr. Rappaport was fortunate indeed when he closed the deal for this handsome cabinet, as it was the only one to be had.

A beautiful line of suits for men and boys has arrived and are now being shown.

WOMEN OF TORRANCE GIVE OVER \$80 FOR FLAG FUND

Following is a list of names of the women of Torrance who contributed to the Flag Fund:

Mrs. Madames Alsworth, Andem, Barnett, H. L. Bates, V. Bates, Beall, Ed. Boyd, Mable Boyd, Brady, Buchanan, Burmaster, Byrnes, Caldwell, Clark, Conastald, Condon, Dewey, Dolley, D. Dolley, Dymond, Foss, Fitzhugh, Gill, Gourrier, Greaves, Grebek, Guyon, Hannebrink, Henderson, Thylard, Johnson, Kembell, King, Kyles, Lancaster, Lannues, Leake, Lee Lessing, McIntier, McKinley, McManus, Malone, Marks, Marsh, Miller, Mitchell, Moore, Murray, Nash, Neelands, Neill, Newby, Olsen, Owen, Paunier, Parks, Perkins, Post, Rappaport, Reeve, Sammon, G. Smith, S. Smith, R. Smith, Spaulding, Spence, Stone, Stranahan, Stinahlber, Staplefeldt, Sykes, Thompson, D. Lunell, Vista Highlands Women's Club, Voorhis, Vanen, Watson, Wilson, Woodington, Woodward, M. A. Wright, Zahradnik.

The women of Torrance responded very handsomely to the appeal, and in all \$80.70 was collected. \$10.50 came from the Women's Club of Vista Highlands. Two flags have been purchased, one 12x18, for holidays and a storm flag for every day. The remainder has been deposited in the First National Bank of Torrance for the upkeep and renewals of the next Legion dance, May 7, and to add the proceeds to the fund. The large flag cost \$4.16; the smaller one, \$5.00.

ATTEND BANQUET

Several candidates from Torrance were guests at a banquet at 6:00 o'clock in Los Angeles Wednesday and later were initiated into the court of the Amaranths. Those attending were Mrs. Hazel Burton, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Robertson, Mrs. J. F. Pulford and Mrs. Lora Pitman of Gardens.

FORGET-ME-NOT

W. T. Casteel, genial and courteous, is still wearing a faded "Forget-me-Not" in his button hole; he is also wearing that famous smile that won't rub off—all this since Saturday night, when he obtained an exclusive interview from the Prima Donna for the "Enterprise."

DINNER DANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tryon of Slouth Andros entertained with a dinner dance Wed. eve. and had as their guests Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs, Tryon of Los Angeles and Mrs. Hazel Burton of Torrance.

FROM OAKLAND

Miss Doris Raccard of Oakland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. C. A. Paxton of South Arlington. Miss Raccard has accepted a position in Rappaport's.

HIGH OFFICIAL SENDS LEGION NOTICE

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL SENDS NOTICE TO SERVICE MEN OF CALIFORNIA

Several hundred servicemen in California lost their certificates of discharge by forwarding them to the War Department in order that they might receive their bonus. Certificates are being held by the Finance Officer at Washington, which cannot be forwarded to the owners due to the fact that the owners failed to furnish any address.

This office at Sacramento, has been furnished with a list of these lost certificates giving the name of the owner and the organization with which he was identified during the service. Ex-servicemen, whose discharges were not returned to them should immediately communicate with The Adjutant General, State of California, giving their full name, organization with which they served, and their present address. They will then be informed whether their name appears on the list and their corrected address forwarded to the Finance Officer, Washington, D. C., in order that the certificates may be returned to their rightful owners.

For further information address the American Legion, Torrance Post No. 170, Torrance, Cal.

ORGANIZE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Vista Highlands Neighborhood Club held a special meeting Friday, April 15, at the home of Mrs. M. E. Beckwith of Carson street. Business affairs were transacted. On account of the many applications from Torrance ladies for membership, it was decided to reorganize the club as the "Women's Club" of Torrance, and no longer limit memberships to residents of Vista Heights, but to welcome the ladies of Torrance.

Correspondence was immediately started with the Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Dominguez Land Corporation has kindly donated their sales room on Carson street, west of the school, as a meeting place and the meetings will be held there every other Monday at 2:00 o'clock P. M. The Club is to have a beautiful room in the Torrance Country Club later.

Ten Dollars and fifty cents was raised at the meeting and donated to the fund for the flag.

Any Torrance ladies desiring to make application for membership, may do so by corresponding with Margaret E. Rees, P. O. Box 152, Torrance.

The next meeting will be held at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon, Friday, May 6, in the home of Mrs. Barnard, 216th and Cedar streets. At this time final arrangements will be made for future meetings.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEET

There will be a regular meeting of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce Monday evening, May 2. Work will begin promptly at 8 p. m. as there will be much to do. A number of new candidates to be voted upon and enough business to keep everyone keenly interested for the evening. The newly-elected members are urged to attend and get the spirit. More especially are the ladies urged to attend, get acquainted and show the members of this representative body what they can accomplish. We need the aid and assistance of every lady in Torrance. Come out and help those that are trying to go forward. Cooperate with the president and officers. Make the Torrance chamber of commerce one of the finest in Southern California. We have the material with which to accomplish anything that we may undertake. If you are appointed on a committee, do something!

BOARD OF EDUCATION HERE

The Los Angeles Board of Education paid Torrance a visit last Tuesday. The school properties were thoroughly gone over and inspection of the buildings made, as well as plans for future building for the high school discussed.